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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statements that were previously filed on October 30, 2007 and February 17, 2006, Applicants hereby bring to the attention of the Examiner a Supplementary European Search Report dated June 5, 2009 with respect to patent family member European Patent Application No. 04734414.8, in which the following documents were cited:

- (1) EP 1178558 A2, and patent family member US 2002/0051340 A1; and
- (2) EP 0771038 A1, and patent family member US 5766801.

The relevance of these documents, as ascertained with respect to the European claims by the European Examiner, is set forth in the Supplementary European Search Report.

Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), copies of the U.S. patent publications are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copy is needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign documents are attached hereto, and all of the documents are listed on an attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of the Supplementary European Search Report is also attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form, and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted,
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